

**November 26, 2017**

**25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## Venerable Stylianus of Paphlagonia

Saint Stylianus was born in Paphlagonia of Asia Minor sometime between the fourth and sixth centuries. He inherited a great fortune from his parents when they died, but he did not keep it. He gave it away to the poor according to their need, desiring to help those who were less fortunate.

Stylianus left the city and went to a monastery, where he devoted his life to God. Since he was more zealous and devout than the other monks, he provoked their jealousy and had to leave. He left the monastery to live alone in a cave in the wilderness, where he spent his time in prayer and fasting.

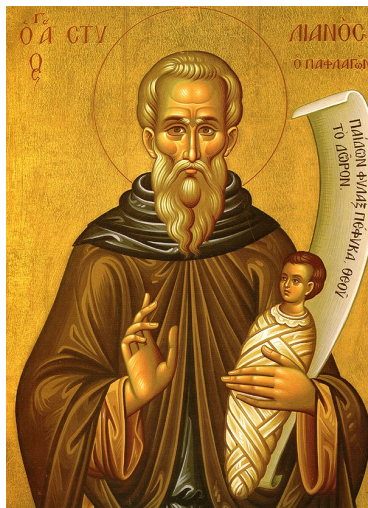
The goodness and piety of the saint soon became evident to the inhabitants of Paphlagonia, and they sought him out to hear his teaching, or to be cured by him. Many were healed of physical and mental illnesses by his prayers.

Saint Stylianus was known for his love of children, and he would heal them of their infirmities. Even after his death, the citizens of Paphlagonia believed that he could cure their children. Whenever a child became sick, an icon of Saint Stylianus was painted and was hung over the child's bed.

At the hour of his death, the face of Saint Stylianus suddenly became radiant, and an angel appeared to receive his soul.

Known as a protector of children, Saint Stylianus is depicted in iconography holding an infant in his arms. Pious Christians ask him to help and protect their children, and childless women entreat his intercession so that they might have children.

*Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/11/26/103401-venerable-stylianus-of-paphlagonia>*



"Permit the children to come to Me;  
do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs  
to such as these."

*St. Mark 10:14*



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### COMMEMORATIONS:

ST. ALYPIOS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPLE (640)

ST. JAMES THE SOLITARY OF SYRIA (457)

ST. SILAS, BISHOP OF PERSIDOS

ST. PETER, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM (552)

ST. ACACIUS OF MT. LATROS (6TH C.)

ST. NICON METANOIITE ("PREACHER OF  
REPENTANCE") OF ARMENIA (998).

VENERABLE STYLIANOS OF PAPHLAGONIA

REPOSE OF ST. INNOCENT, FIRST BISHOP OF  
IRKUTSK (1731)

NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF CHIOS (1807)

**Tone 8**

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**Matins Gospel:** St. Mark 16:9-20

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-7

**Liturgy Gospel:** St. Luke 18:18-27

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 8 -** From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:45 am, & Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
40-Day Memorial for Else Salfiti, 11:30 am  
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments and have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, and who are dressed modestly and arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.**

**AMPLE PARKING** is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are lighted today by Steve Kaminsky, in thanksgiving for blessings received (birthday – Many Years!).

THE HOLY BREAD OFFERING today is provided by BethAnn Hyatt.

**MANY THANKS** to all who participated in today's potluck Coffee Hour. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

The new **2018 Coffee Hour sponsorship chart** is posted! Enlist a friend, choose a Sunday, and sign up!

**THIS WEEK'S GREETERS:** Teen SOYO

**THIS WEEK'S CLEANING TEAM:** Serge & Alex

**THANK YOU** to all who fulfill these ministries!

## Mark Your Calendar:

### St. Nicholas

*Tuesday, December 5 - Vespers & Artoklasia w/ Youth Choir, 7 pm  
Youth Activity, 8 pm*

*Wednesday, December 6 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am*

### Advent Retreat

*Saturday, December 9, 2-7:30 pm*

*Drs. David & Mary Ford: When the Foundations Are Shaken:  
Biblical & Patristic Wisdom for Living through Spiritual Upheaval*

### Bp Thomas Visit

*December 15-17*

*Friends & Family Sunday / Tonsure & Ordination*

### Sunday School Christmas Program

*Rehearsal: Saturday, December 16, 5 p.m.*

*Program: Sunday, December 17, 1 p.m.*

### Nativity of Christ

*Sunday, December 24 - Orthros 8:45 am, Liturgy 10 am*

*Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Festal Orthros 7 pm*

*Monday, December 25 - Festal Liturgy 9 am; Vespers for Synaxis 6 pm*

### New Year's Services & Talent Show

*Sunday, December 31 - Monday, January 1*

### Theophany

*Friday, January 5 - Sunday, January 7*

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

YOUR FLOWER OFFERINGS support the beautification of our church during this holy season. Thank you!

## Everyday Evangelist

*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)*  
Say genuinely, "God willing," and "Thank God."

## This Week: – NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES –

**Monday, Nov 27:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov 28:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11:00 a.m.  
6th HOUR, 12 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov 29:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov 30:** Feast of St. ANDREW, First-called Apostle  
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.  
Fasting Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

**Friday, Dec 1:** 6th HOUR, 12 p.m.  
Advent Paraklesis, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec 2:** Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m.  
VESPERS, 6 p.m. & CONFESSION, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec 3:** MATINS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Women of St Philip's, 12 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Turkeys.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Prayer is key.

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Nov 18: 73 Divine Services on Nov 19: 188  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$209. Collections, \$5,962. Youth, \$7. Book Shelf, \$6. Camping Fund, \$300. Endowment, \$100. Pastoral Discretion, \$200. Vestments, \$150. Stewardship, \$4,195. Total received: \$11,129.  
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY

**FR NOAH, FR JAMES, & FR HERMAN** are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.